

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 1896 - SB 1898**

March 16, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a Class E felony for a person licensed to practice medicine to fail to report to the Board of Medical Examiners a malpractice judgment or settlement against the person. After the effective date of the bill once a reportable judgment or settlement is entered, the person would then be required to report all judgments or settlements in the past. Requires the board to review the license of any person with five or more malpractice judgments or settlements. After a hearing, the board would be authorized to suspend the license of such person for a minimum of six months for each judgment or settlement.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures - \$2,500/Incarceration**

Assumes one conviction every other year. Assumes other expenditures related to implementing the bill can be accomplished with existing resources.

*\*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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